

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

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NATIONAL AFFORESTATION PLAN
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) the norms fixed by the Union Government to be followed by Forest Development Agency etc. for undertaking works relating to forest development under the `National Afforestation Plan`;
- (b) whether the diverse geographical conditions in different States are taken into consideration while formulating such norms;
- (c) if not, the reasons therefor;
- (d) whether any request has been received from the Government of Rajasthan for the revision of sanctioned cost norms for fencing of the afforestation area during the last three years and thereafter;
- (e) if so, the details thereof; and
- (f) the steps being taken by the Union Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

- (a) Guidelines of National Afforestation Programme (NAP) provide cost norms for different activities to be undertaken by the Forest Development Agency. The cost norms are based on the prevailing wage rates approved by the State Government.
- (b) Yes, Sir.
- (c) Does not arise.
- (d), (e) and (f) There have been frequent demands from States to increase provision for fencing. However, the NAP embodies the concept of people's participation, and therefore lays stress on protection of project area through social fencing by the community.